

2008 Listening Exam for Master's Degree Candidates

The following document applies to Master's Degree students in all of the following majors:

- Performance and Literature
- Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music
- Early Music
- Conducting
- Opera Performance
- Opera Stage Directing.

Students whose **only** major is Music Education, Composition, or Jazz are exempt from this degree requirement.

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The faculty of the Eastman School believe that graduate students should be exposed to and assimilate a broad range of repertoire, both within their own instrument/voice and also in general. To that end, posted on a web site that will be sent to you via your University of Rochester email address, is a list of standard works, representing a broad spectrum of historical periods and performance media that we expect our entering master's students to know. During orientation week, all entering students in the MM/PRL, MM/ACM, MM/EM, MM/CND, MM/OPR and MM/OPS degrees will be given a Listening Examination covering these works as well as on works not on the published list, to be identified by style-period rather than by title, with some brief description of the characteristics of the work that suggest the period choices. The exam will cover a total of 25 excerpts, 20 of which will involve specific works from the published list and 5 of which are **not** on the list and will involve general stylistic identification.

On **Thursday, August 28, from 11:15am – 12:30pm in room Annex 902**, all entering students in the MM/PRL, MM/ACM, MM/EM, MM/CND, MM/OPR and MM/OPS degrees will take the MM Listening Exam. Students are expected to study these works over the summer. Listening to all of the works once through will take a total of no more than 20 hours. You may already know some of this repertoire and not need to review it; however, some other works you will want to hear many times. Please plan your preparation time accordingly. **The list of works and their recordings are all available on a web site; you will receive the hyperlink to access this site in an email sent to your UR address.** Please be sure to access this information early and throughout the summer.

The MM Listening Exam is a degree requirement and must be passed in order for a student to participate in commencement. We anticipate that most entering students will pass the exam on August 28; if a student does not pass the exam at that time, the MM Listening Exam will not be given again until the orientation period in August 2009.

You will need to set up your NETID and your University email account to be able to access the web site in question. Details on your NETID and email are found on the orientation website. You will be notified by email when this website is available – we anticipate that this notification will happen around the middle-end of June.

Good luck, and enjoy the music!